

State of West Virginia **Board of Medicine**

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PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The Board welcomes any person wishing to address the Board. In order to maintain decorum at Board meetings, and to conform with applicable law, the following procedure is to be followed:

- 1. At the time designated for speakers to address the Board, speakers will be called upon to speak one at a time from the sign up sheet.
- 2. Each speaker will be allotted five minutes only.
- 3. If there are written materials for the Board members, leave them on the sign up sheet table, do not hand out to Board members.
- 4. The Board will listen to each speaker. At the conclusion of the presentation, if any Board member has a question of any speaker, the speaker will be recognized for a response.
- 5. The Board will not enter into a discussion or debate with any speaker at that time, at that meeting.
- 6. The President will take the matter under advisement, and if appropriate, will refer the matter to the Executive/Management Committee for review.
- 7. If any speaker disrupts the meeting so that the orderly conduct of the meeting is compromised, the President will ask that the speaker be removed from the room.
- 8. If any speaker continues to interrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting, the President will advise the speaker that if the interruption continues, the President will ask that the speaker be arrested forthwith for willfully disrupting governmental processes, which is a misdemeanor. (See attached)

WEST VIRGINIA CODE

§61-6-19. Willful disruption of governmental processes; offenses occurring at state capitol complex; penalties.

- (a) If any person willfully interrupts or molests the orderly and peaceful process of any department, division, agency or branch of state government or of its political subdivisions, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county or regional jail not more than six months, or both fined and imprisoned: *Provided*, That any assembly in a peaceable, lawful and orderly manner for a redress of grievances shall not be a violation of this section.
- (b) It is unlawful for any person to bring upon the state capitol complex any weapon as defined by the provisions of section two, article seven of this chapter. It is unlawful for any person to willfully deface any trees, wall, floor, stairs, ceiling, column, statue, monument, structure, surface, artwork or adornment in the state capitol complex. It is unlawful for any person or persons to willfully block or otherwise willfully obstruct any public access, stair or elevator in the state capitol complex after being asked by a lawenforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity to desist: *Provided*, That in order to preserve the constitutional right of the people to assemble, it is not willful blocking or willful obstruction for persons gathered in a group or crowd, if the persons move to the side or part to allow other persons to pass by the group or crowd to gain ingress or egress: *Provided*, *however*, That this subsection shall not apply to a law-enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity.

Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars or confined in the county or regional jail not more than six months, or both.

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